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Dear APA members and possible future members.

In October 2021, I received the news with great surprise that I was elected President of the Asian Population Association (APA). I feel honoured and tightened myself with the responsibility for the advancement of population studies in Asia.

Together with my fellow Council members, who are prominent and active population scholars from Indonesia, India, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore, Australia and Iran, we will serve the three years from 2022 to 2024.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting our activities. The Fifth Asian Population Conference was initially planned to be held face to face in Yogyakarta in November 2020, but the virus obliged us to postpone the Conference entirely online in August 2021. Our first Council Member meeting was held in January online, so we only saw the faces through the digitized images. However, we should be positive to take it as a chance. Online meetings have become our habit, and it will make our conversation easier, regardless of the place we stay. We will be able to make international meetings more often. That is how we plan to strengthen the network of members and the regional and population associations population research institutions in the region.

As of November 2021, there are 2,418 members of APA. As have been mentioned by the past Presidents, increasing the member is our aim, as well as improving the payment.

We are facing barriers of international money transfer, the global problem identified and included in the SDGs indicator 10.7.2. We will solve the problems one by one, and also, we will improve the benefit of members so that each will feel worthwhile to become a member.

Since the <u>inauguration of APA in 2007</u>, five Asian Population Conferences have been held, and 10 Scientific Groups have worked or continue to work. Various seminars and webinars were conducted. These activities are a great asset of the APA. We will soon announce the call for proposals for the Sixth Asian Population Conference and the Scientific Group.

Asia is a vast region, holding 60% of the world population, with distinct cultures and histories. There are similarities and differences between our societies. Asian population studies aim to understand these differentiated contexts of populations and promote the well-being of each one in society. APA is open to all who are working on the Asian population. I hope your active participation so that we can deepen the understanding of the Asian population.

February, 2022 Reiko Hayashi President, Asian Population Association

## The 6th APA Conference 2024



The Sixth Asian Population Association Conference was held from November 27-30, 2024, in Kathmandu, Nepal, hosted by the Central Department of Population Studies (CDPS), Tribhuvan University, and the Asian Population Association (APA) with the strong support and invaluable contributions of the Government of Nepal, the National Organizing Committee, and the partner organizations including MoHP, UNFPA, IOM, PAN, NFPPD, CPDRC, ADRI, IPUMS, CREHPA, FPAN, ISERN, MSI, the CDPS faculty and staff, and the Soaltee Kathmandu Hotel. The 6th APA Conference aims to promote and serve as a significant platform for dialogue on population and development issues. Over 500 delegates from 35 countries participated in meaningful discussions on Asia's critical demographic challenges.



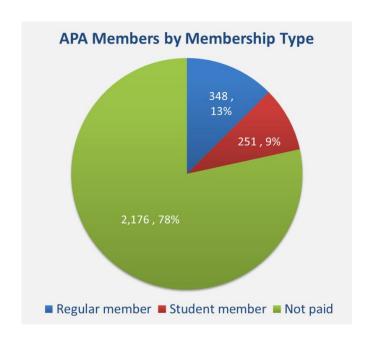
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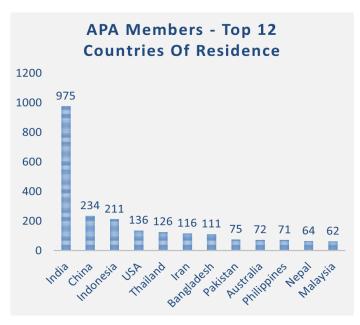


At this time, there were 1,316 paper submissions for 17 themes, from 42 countries. Theme 3 on fertility, fecundity, reproductive health, and reproductive rights received the greatest number of submissions, followed by theme 4 on mortality, morbidity, epidemiology, and causes of death. The 6th APA Scientific Committee evaluated the abstracts with assistance from the theme. convenors and reviewers. The review process is carried out by 120 regional and international experts, who conducted double-blind peer reviews, two reviews per paper. A total of 226 selected oral presentations were presented in 53 sessions under 12 parallel sessions, and 184 selected posters were presented in four conference days. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the reviewers, moderators, chairs of the session, presenters, participants, and volunteers for their contribution to the success of the conference.

The 6th APA Conference has also highlighted key demographic issues to initiate discussion in two plenary sessions on (1) Fertility and Family Transformation in Asia-Pacific: Renewing Commitments to ICPD Principles; and (2) Academic Discourse on Migration and Development. The conference brought together scholars, researchers, policymakers, and government officials to discuss Asian population issues as well as underscore the importance of regional collaboration to tackle demographic challenges and opportunities among its participants.

## **APA Membership Update**



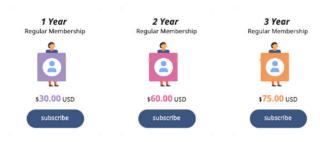


#### Join Subscribe

APA memberships is for all who have made contributions to the scientific study of population issues through their research, teaching, writing, or other related activities.

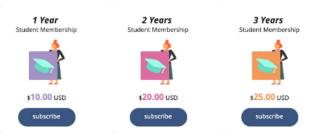
#### REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

For professionals, either actively employed or retired irrespective of place of residence. Regular members have full rights to vote in elections and participate in Association activities. Annual subscription \$30 USD

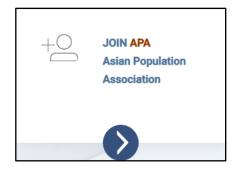


#### STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

\$10 USD membership fee is for those currently enrolled in university studies of the population. They have full voting rights in the associations. On graduation, they are encouraged to become regular members.



As of November 2024, there were 2,775 members from 89 countries in the Association's membership database with the majority from India, China, Indonesia, the United States, and Thailand. The number of members has increased from three years ago by approximately 350. We truly encourage all members to renew their membership dues for enhancing our activities and providing significant support to the Association. Your contribution is crucial for APA to fulfil its mission of promoting population studies in Asia.



### Other Activities and Achievement

➤ APA Colloquium on National Population Associations in Asia | 14 December 2023 link



The meeting gathered 15 National Population Associations in Asia as follows:

- Population Association of Nepal (PAN)
- Population Association of New Zealand (PANZ)
- Population Association of Iran (PAI)
- Australian Population Association (APA)
- China Population Association (CPA)
- Philippines Population Association (PPA)
- Population Association of Singapore (PAS)
- Population Association of Taiwan (PAT)
- Indonesian Demographer Association (IPADI)
- Population Association of Japan (PAJ)
- Population Association of Korea (PAK)
- Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)
- Population Association of Sri Lanka (PASL)
- Thai Population Association (TPA)
- Population Association of Pakistan (PAP)

The colloquium provided the new beginning toward more collaborations among associations concerning with population studies in Asia.

Venue: Online via Zoom

Attended by 87 participants from 19 countries

#### > APA Meetings and Events

- Side Event at UN 7th Asia Pacific Population Conference on 16 November 2023
- ARI-APA Joint E-Workshop on 23 August 2022 and the Special Issue on Asian Population Studies
- APA Session for PAA 2022 (Atlanta, Georgia, 8 April 2022) and 2023 (New Orleans, Louisiana, 13 April 2023)







## ➤ APA Lecture Series on National Population | April 2022 to December 2024 link

- (1) INDIA: India's Unconventional Demographic Change and Its Implications | Presented by K.S. James
- (2) INDONESIA: Population Issues in Indonesia: Past,
  Present, and Future | Presented by Evi Nurvidya Arifin
- (3) NEPAL: Population Heterogeneity in Nepal's Demography | Presented by Samir KC
- (4) BANGLADESH: The Population of Bangladesh: Past, Present, and Future | Presented by Mohammad Mainul Islam
- (5) AUSTRALIA: Australia's Population: Past, Present, and Future | Presented by Edith Gray
- (6) THAILAND: Thailand: Demographic Transition and the Aged Society | Presented by Sureeporn Punpuing
- (7) IRAN: Iran's Demographic Transition: Opportunities and Challenges | Presented by Fatemeh Torabi
- (8) SINGAPORE: Overview of Population in Singapore | Presented by Tan Poh Lin
- (9) SRI LANKA: Overview of Population in Sri Lanka | Presented by Sunehthra Perera
- (10) SOUTH KOREA: The Population of South Korea and the Impact of COVID-19 on Its Mortality | Presented by Doo-Sub Kim
- (11) JAPAN: Transformation of Population Problems and Policies: The Case of Japan | Presented by Reiko Hayashi

#### > APA General Assembly | 28 November 2024

The 2024 APA General Assembly featured three key sessions on the Association's management:

- (1) Presentation of report on the APA activities and achievements (2022-2024)
- (2) Presentation of the financial report
- (3) Presentation of the 7th APA Council Election



### **APA Scientific Activities**

> APA conducted three Scientific Groups;

First is "Projection of Households and Living Arrangements in Asia", led by Feng Qiushi.

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Second is "Demographic Now-Casting: Population Forecasting Using Diverse Data", led by Wendy Olsen.

>> More information

Third is "Changing Household Structure, Aging, and Well-being in Western and Southern Asia", led by Fatemeh Torabi. The result was an online workshop with the same title conducting on 1 February 2024.

>> More information

➤ The sub-committee on the Scientific Groups headed by Edith Gray and Samir KC deliberately examined and the APA Council decided to choose the three proposals mentioned as the Scientific Groups for the years 2022-2024.





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